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CNO Stresses Importance Of Sea Power in Modern Age

Sea power offers the protection, mobility and flexibility needed in the atomic-missile age, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Thomas H. Moorer told the Fleet Reserve Association Convention in Washington, D.C.

He said he feels it is inevitable that more and more of our military forces must move to the sea.

"Sea power can bring to bear quickly and effectively the precise amount of military force required for a particular situation; power that can remain on the scene for as long as necessary," the admiral said.

There is also, in his view, a rapidly developing awareness of the importance of sea power.

"This is evidenced by the ever stronger cry for a rejuvenation of the maritime merchant fleet, by the resurgence and buildup of the Russian maritime and combatant Navy power and by world events," he said.

Commenting on the Navy in Vietnam, Adm. Moorer told the FRA members he feels the "most amazing" achievements in the past two years, with the exception of combat troops, have been made in the logistic support service.

"The Navy is now in the process of completing a billion dollar program of construction in such places as Da Nang and Cam Rahn Bay to support the forces in a manner unimagined in any previous conflict," he said.

He also pointed out that about 98 percent of the complex war material and most of the combat troops of all services are being transported by ships.

Defense Dept. Circulates Reminder About Fund Campaign Restrictions

A "reminder" has been circulated by the Department of Defense concerning actions on fund raising and savings programs.

Officials said, "dollar goals for offices, units or commands may be established under most conditions; however, this does not mean they must be established."

Also, the custom of assigning dollar quotas or goals for individuals or personnel participating in the drive has been eliminated.

The information says presentations of awards or other means of recognition should be judiciously limited.

GOING ASHORE—Completing his tour of the battleship USS New Jersey in Philadelphia, Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., (left) Commandant of the Marine Corps, leaves the ship with Capt. F. W. Gooch Jr., (right), Commander, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and Ens. C. C. Bream, Assistant Project Officer for the reactivation of the New Jersey, which is scheduled for duty in Vietnam.

Army Officer Schools Change Method of Ranking Students

All Army officers' schools are to establish a Commandant's List of the highest ranking students instead of rating the class numerically or by thirds.

"Recommendation 67" was made by the Department of the Army Board to Review Army Officer Schools. The group is generally referred to as the Haines Board. The modified recommendation was approved by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

All Army officer schools—except the Army War College—will use the Commandant's List. This will contain the names of those in the upper 20 per cent of the class, similar to a Dean's List in colleges. This is expected to identify and recognize the best students without calling attention to the middle and bottom personnel in the class.

Also, a Distinguished Graduate and four Honor Graduates are to be designated from this top list.

In addition to the above change, the chief of staff also approved "Recommendation 68," which says:

"That the narrative statement in the Academic Report be completed for graduates of the Army War College, and, at the discretion of the Commandant, for the graduates of other schools."

Washington Memos

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE Selection Board is expected to convene Oct. 16 on promotion list to grade of lieutenant colonel. An Army board to consider promotion of officers to same grade in the Army, Chaplain and Women's Army Corps was scheduled to convene Oct. 3.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Pacific Air Forces, Gen. John D. Ryan, and Commander, Seventh Air Force, Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, visited Binh Thuy AB, RVN, and received orientation flights in new O-2A Super Skymaster aircraft. During their 30-minute flights, generals fired smoke marking rockets used by forward air controllers in locating enemy forces prior to air strikes, and flew aircraft through various maneuvers.

RADM. MARK WOODS has assumed duty as Vice Commander of Naval Ordnance Systems Command, relieving RAdm. Ben W. Sarver, who is now Commander, Service Force Atlantic Fleet. Prior to this assignment, Adm. Woods had three tours of duty with the 7th Fleet in Vietnam waters as commanding officer of the missile cruiser USS Canberra and as Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Nine.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS and Space Administration has appointed interim working group of Dr. Alfred J. Eggers, Dr. Floyd L. Thompson and Gen. Jacob E. Smart to review NASA safety procedures and prepare a plan under which NASA Administrator can establish Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel. Mr. Eggers is Special Assistant to Administrator and Deputy Associate Administrator for Advanced Research and Technology, while Mr. Thompson is Director, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va. Gen. Smart is NASA's Assistant Administrator for Policy.

COMMANDER, U.S. FORCES Korea, announced Sept. 25 that U.S. coins are being introduced for all fractional Military Payment Certificates (MPC) for use by USKF personnel in Korea. Changeover to U.S. coins from MPC in denominations of .50, .25, .10 and .05 cents began Sept. 25 and is expected to be completed by Oct. 8. No exchange of fractional MPC for coins is planned.

NAVY HAS INTRODUCED new Petty Officer Certificate of Appointment for grades E-4, 5 and 6. Certificate will be available in late October and may be ordered through normal channels.

LANGUAGE EXPERTS from around world attended fifth annual Defense Language Institute conference held by East Coast branch DLI, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by Syracuse University and DLI, three-day conference was attended by estimated 55 representatives from U.S., Canada, Austria, Germany, Greece and Turkey. Purpose of meeting was to exchange information in many areas of mutual interest in language field.

ARMY PROJECT MANAGER, General Purpose Vehicles, Michigan Army Missile Plant, Warren, Mich., has awarded $99.3 million contract to Ford Motor Co., for production of 32,918 M151 Series quarter-ton trucks over three-year period. First year's production is set for 11,244 vehicles, at value of $34.8 million, while second year quantity is 11,674 units at value of $34.9 million. Third year production will be 10,000 units at value of $29.6 million.

RADIO TOWER 21 feet taller than Empire State Building (without its TV transmitter) has been raised by Navy in Australia to improve communications to fleet in Far East. Built under direction of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1,271-foot tower is center of giant web of towers that comprise world's largest Very Low Frequency transmission facility. Opened Sept. 1, one million watt VLF transmitter took four years to construct.

NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK submarine USS Sea Devil will be launched at Newport News, Va. The 292-foot ship will carry crew of 95 and be armed with anti-submarine missiles and torpedoes. Sea Devil is scheduled for commissioning in November 1968.

ARMY BRIG. GEN. Thomas Matthew Rienzi, Commanding General, Army Signal Center and School, Ft. Monmouth, N.J., headed Army delegation to Seventh Quadripartite Signals Communication Conference, Blandford Camp, Dorset, England, during week of Sept. 17. Conference participants included representatives from Britain, Canada, Australia, and the U.S. under 1964 Quadripartite Agreement. Delegates discussed joint standardization of signal equipment, operations, policy and concepts.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command has awarded a $10 million contract to Cessna Aircraft Co., Wichita, Kan., for follow-on production of 104 twin-jet T-37B trainer aircraft for Air Force's Air Training Command. Delivery of aircraft will be made between October 1968 and May 1969.

ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY Surgeons will hold its 74th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., Nov. 19-22. Program is designed on the theme of "Medicine's Mission for Mankind." Keynote speaker will be Dr. William S. Middleton, Dean Emeritus, School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin. There will be a panel discussion on "Medical Problems of Military Operations in Vietnam," moderated by Brig. Gens. James A. Wier, MC, USA, and Earl W. Brannon, MC, USAF, recent returnees from Vietnam.

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Background for Commanders

NATO AND THE DÉTENTE*

Nobody seems to doubt that NATO has brilliantly succeeded in its first task, which was to persuade the Soviets that military militancy would not pay off in Europe. Not long ago the President of the United States called NATO the world's greatest peacekeeping force. Yet now some people of the Atlantic world, especially young people, it is said, are bored by the military security of Europe; they don't remember the last war, and they are repelled by the cold war.

Must NATO die so young in the hearts of the young? Surely one should ask first what it is about our North Atlantic alliance that remains relevant to this final third of the 20th century—who would perform its peacekeeping function if it were to disappear—and what new tasks this group of European and North American allies are already beginning to tackle in its new and unfamiliar environment of *détente*.

For NATO has not only moved, bag and baggage, from the Porte Dauphine in Paris to the old Evere airfield in Brussels, NATO is also moving from peacekeeping to peacemaking, from the management of a cold war to the management of *détente*.

From Military Deterrent to Political Détente

As we set about to parlay our credible military deterrent to a credible political *détente*, the first requirement is therefore to maintain the deterrent itself during the period of *détente*. We will need our ready armed strength to persuade the Soviets to talk sense. We will need it to keep them talking when the going gets rough. And we will need it to keep honest whatever bargains can be struck for a durable peace in Europe.

The first signs of *détente*—brought about by NATO and Communist evolution—are welcome indeed, if not yet very impressive. So far, the change in East-West relations is mostly atmospheric, compounded of one part Communist cosmetics and two parts Western wishful-thinking.

It is always dangerous, of course, to act in the present as if the desired future had already arrived. Our desire for permanent peace in Europe is so strong in the West that we tend to overreact to what our would-be Eastern friends say and do from month to month. If they smile, we are elated. If they frown, we are depressed. A year ago, the prevailing opinion in Europe was that instant *détente* was just around the corner; nothing very exciting had happened yet, but it did seem that the Soviets and Eastern Europeans were less belligerent and more ready to talk sense than they had been at any time since the Second World War.

Communist Reaction

But then the willingness in the West was blunted by a series of Communist countermeasures—the East German and Soviet reaction to the resumption of relations between Romania and the Federal Republic, the bogging-down of proposals for a code of conduct on East-West relations, the lack of Soviet response so far to our efforts to engage them in talks on antiballistic missiles, and the hard line of Brezhnev's [Leonid I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R.] speech at the Karlovy Vary Conference toward the end of April.

It was in that speech that Brezhnev asked us to dissolve NATO and said they would in turn dissolve the Warsaw Pact. The Soviets may well close down the Warsaw Pact anyway; it has never been anything but a cover for Soviet military domination of its neighbors, and it has no political role. I can well understand why Mr. Brezhnev would want us to abolish NATO; it's the same reason that persuades us to maintain it: **that in the face of Soviet military power a durable East-West *détente* can be built only on a durable Western deterrent.**

Soviet Involvement in Crises

These disappointments in Europe are now compounded by Soviet involvement in the Middle East crisis. While the two main subjects of international attention were a limited war in Vietnam and a limited peace in Europe, it was just barely possible to believe in a Soviet Union that relaxes tensions in Europe while helping to maintain them in the Far East. But with Soviet involvement in two crises outside the NATO area, plus all the signs of a hardening line on Europe and nuclear issues, the optimists who heralded *détente* last year have become the pessimists who now fear that *détente* is indivisible after all.

Membership in the North Atlantic Council is every ally's assurance that he will not have to deal with the Soviet Union alone. If NATO did not exist, there would indeed be danger of separate negotiations enabling the Soviets to play one Western ally off against the others—to use *détente* as a device for discrimination. If NATO did not exist, Europeans might have some reason to be alarmed by the prospect that the two superpowers might somehow divide the world between them. But NATO does exist and is available to manage the *détente* as it has so successfully managed the deterrent for all these years.

The political phase of NATO has thus begun. We are ready to consult intimately with our partners at every stage of this new and fascinating game. We ask in return only a reasonably strict application of the Golden Rule—that our NATO partners consult us as early, as frankly, and as often as they would themselves wish to be consulted. In this respect *détente*, like deterrence, is indivisible.

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* *Excerpts from a recent address by Harlan Cleveland, U.S. Permanent Representative on the NATO Council.*

DOD Continues Testimony On Reserve Legislation

Mandatory active duty promotion of certain career reserve officers when promoted to a permanent and higher reserve grade could prove disruptive to proper supervision and to organization structure, a DOD witness testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee in late September.

But DOD said there are instances where such promotions are desirable and called for permissive authority to allow each service to administer these promotions equitably and according to its own special needs.

An Air Force witness said this kind of promotion could be administered on the following selective basis:

- Recommended for grade advancement by his commander or air staff director.
- Serving in a position calling for a higher grade.
- Approved by the Secretary of the Air Force.

DOD's position against blanket authority came during hearings on omnibus legislation which would make many amendments to current law affecting reserve forces of all military services.

AMC, STRATCOM Form Joint Project Agency

A joint project management agency has been established by the Army Materiel Command (USAMC) and the Army Strategic Communications Command (USASRATCOM).

The agency, at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., was created to insure a more rapid and more effective response in the expansion and modernization of the Army's portion of the Defense Communications System, an official explained.

Establishment of the agency provides the Army with a command that will insure a unity of effort in accomplishing a command mission previously divided, said the spokesman.

Sgt. David C. Dolby

Reassignments Announced For Marine Brigadiers

Assignments for recently promoted brigadier generals and brigadier general selectees have been announced by Headquarters Marine Corps.

Brig. Gen. William C. Chip, has been named Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at Headquarters Marine Corps, following a tour of duty with the Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, in Italy. He replaced Brig. Gen. Gordan D. Gayle, who is now Chief of Staff, G-3, at Headquarters Marine Corps.

Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray, who Gen. Gayle relieved, was transferred to Vietnam where he will be assigned as the Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

Named to the post of Deputy Assistant Director, Plans, Programs and Systems, Defense Supply Activity, was Brig. Gen. Ralph H. Spanjer, currently serving at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. Brigadier general selectee, Col. Henry W. Hise, presently on the Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, will become Deputy Chief of Staff (Administration) at Headquarters Marine Corps.

Sgt. David C. Dolby, USA Wins Medal of Honor

Army Sgt. David C. Dolby, 21, 82d Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N.C., received the Medal of Honor from President Johnson at the White House, Sept. 28.

Award of the nation's highest honor went to Sgt. Dolby for his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" on May 21, 1966 in Binh Dinh province, Republic of Vietnam.

He took command of his unit from his dying platoon leader and rallied his men to hold their positions while under intense enemy fire. He personally destroyed several enemy weapons positions and was directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers."

At the time of the action, Sgt. Dolby was a member of Co B, 1st Bn (Airborne), 8th Cav, 1st Cav Div (Airmobile).

DOD Issues New Policy On Foreign Awards, Gifts

New information pertaining to "Decorations and Gifts from Foreign Governments" is contained in Department of Defense Directive 1005.3, Sept. 16, 1967.

"When a person is tendered a foreign decoration," says the new information, "he will immediately submit to the approving authority of the appropriate agency a request for approval containing the title of the decoration; when, where and by whom it was presented; and a statement of the service for which the decoration was awarded, together with a copy of the citation."

A reporting requirement calls for appropriate agencies to submit an annual report to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower), according to a format given in 1005.3.

Such reports shall include gifts and decorations on which final action has been taken as of Oct. 14 of each year and shall be submitted not later than Jan. 10 the following year.

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